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In re application of:
Masanori KIMURA
 Serial No: 10/030,867
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 For: METHOD FOR GROWING SEMICONDUCTOR
 SINGLE CRYSTAL

Art Unit: 1765
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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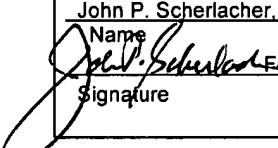
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.